Welcome, Verda Fir (Mrs. Henry C.) 1907 -1990

A native of North Carolina, Mrs. Welcome has represented West Baltimore's 40th district in Annapolis since 1959, first as a delegate and for the past 16 years as a senator. MAR 1 8 1979

A onetime ally of Mr. Adams, the former school teacher has been feuding with him more than a decade. SIM

In 1964, a House of Delegates member belonging to Mr. Adams's political club was charged with masterminding a conspiracy to murder Mrs. Welcome. The delegate was later acquitted, but another man was convicted and sentenced

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to eight years in jail for the plot.

Mrs. Welcome these days appears to have Governor Hughes's ear. She is in her 70's and is expected to retire when her current term ends.